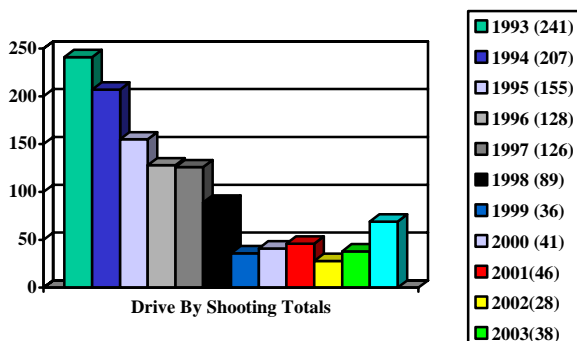
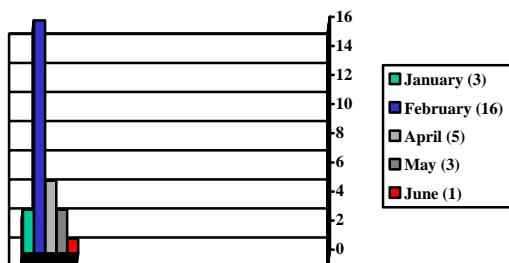
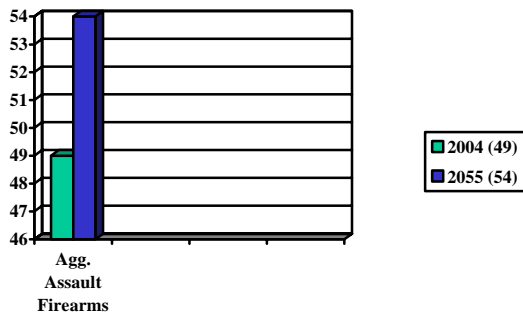
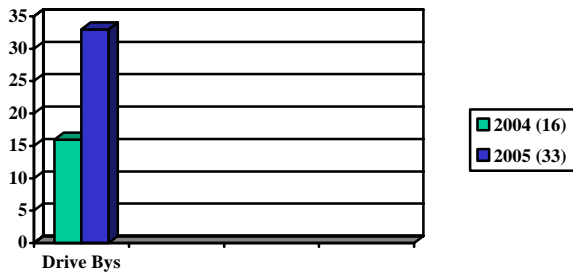


Community Newsletter

Gang Update

June 2005 Edition

Recent statistical data on drive bys and aggravated assaults



The Wichita Police Department invites you to become involved with your community. On Saturday June 25, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. the Wichita Police Department will host a community meeting on the topic of building coalitions to combat gang membership and gang violence. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 455 N. Main, in the City Council Board Room on the 1st floor. We encourage you to be involved with your community as we work to reduce gang violence. Mark this date on your calendar.

I am happy to bring you the 2nd Edition of the Gang Newsletter. Since the first newsletter, I have updated drive by shooting statistics and aggravated assault by firearms statistics. During the first 4 months of 2005, drive by shootings had increased compared to 2004. Since May 2005, the Wichita Police Department has added additional resources to combat gang violence in addition to having the gang unit only work gang-related cases. In all, 170 gang members have been arrested on various charges, 68 guns have been seized, 46 cases have been presented to the District Attorney's office, resulting in 70 gang members being charged and currently awaiting trial. Two gang members have been charged in Federal Court for firearms violations with four more cases awaiting grand jury hearing. Our concentrated efforts, along with community support have resulted in a 55 percent reduction in drive by shootings and a 31 percent reduction in aggravated assaults by firearms since May 1.

Although, the City has seen a decrease, one drive by is too many and we need to continue to work together to eradicate gang violence in Wichita.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO COMBAT GANGS?

Gangs attempt to instill fear. They intimidate rival gangs and citizens alike. Their power grows through fear and intimidation. However, gaining knowledge about gang issues is an important step towards reducing gang violence. Here are a few ways you can participate.

In your home:

- Meet, greet and know your child's friends and their parents.
- Participate in the education of your child.
- Set limits and expectations for your child.
- Develop an anti-drug and anti-gang environment in your home.
- Spend time with your child and communicate with them.
- Don't deny that your child could get involved with drugs and/or gangs.

In your community:

- Develop a Neighborhood Watch.
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Communication and involvement are vital for a strong, safe and proactive neighborhood.
- Take pride in your surroundings and get involved with a neighborhood clean up.
- Report gang graffiti to the police department.
- Support school and community based education programs that

promote prevention and intervention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 25-City Hall Board Room at 1:00 p.m., 455 N. Main.**
- **June 27--NE Central Neighborhood Association Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Atwater Center.**
- **July 5 --LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association at 7:00 p.m., 1002 N. West Street.**
- **October 6 --Orchard Breeze Neighborhood Association at 7:00 p.m., 5101 W. 2nd St. North.**

All of these events will include a speaker on gang awareness.

If you have information about problems in your neighborhood or would like to speak with an officer about setting up a gang awareness meeting for your Neighborhood Association please contact the Bureau you reside in. If you would like to start a Neighborhood Association or Neighborhood Watch, please contact Community Affairs.

Useful Numbers

Patrol North	688-9500
(Community Policing Lt. Nolte)	
Patrol East	688-9331
(Community Policing Lt. Wiemeyer)	
Patrol South	462-2777
(Community Policing Lt. Kenney)	
Patrol West	337-9400
(Community Policing Lt. Livingston)	
Community Affairs	268-4101
(Lt. Dunbar)	
Gang/Felony Assault	268-4191
(Lt. Easter)	